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SUBJECT: LOS: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AUGUST 23

1. FINAL MEETING OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SAW THE ADOPTION OF CHAIRMAN METTERNICH'S REPORT. THE REPORT CONTAINED A LETTER FROM METTERNICH TO CHAIRMAN YANKOV OF COMMITTEE III TOGETHER WITH THREE ANNEXES. ANNEX 1 CONSIST OF TEXTS WHICH WERE AGREED UPON DURING THE COURSE OF THE SESSION; ANNEX 2 CONSISTS OF THE FOUR ANONYMOUS PILLARS- CONSENT, QUALIFIED CONSENT, OBLIGATIONS, AND FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EXPLOITATION OF LIVIG AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES- WHICH WERE THE MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION FOR THE PREVIOUS SEVERAL WEEKS; AND ANNEX 3 CONSISTS OF THOSE SUBJECTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED.

2. IN AFTERNOON FORMAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE III, SRI LANKA
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INTRODUCED AND THEN WITHDREW ITS PAPER ON TECHNOLOGY

TRANSFER. NIGERIA THEN INTRODUCED A PAPER, CO-SPONSORED BY 21 OTHER STATES (INCLUDING SRI LANKA), WHICH PROVIDES FOR PROMOTING THE ACQUISITION OF TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, FACILITATING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONS TO ENSURE TRAINING OF DEVELOPING STATES PERSONNEL, SETTING UP OF A FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSFERRAL OF BLUEPRINTS FOR ALL EQUIPMENT USED IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA.

3. COLOMBIA THEN INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE ARTICLES WERE PRESENTED AS "THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE, WITHOUT COMMITTING THE FINAL POSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP." AS EXPECTED, THE ARTICLES GIVE COASTAL STATES THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO CONDUCT AND REGULATE RESEARCH IN THE AREA UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT OR AUTHORIZE THROUGH SERVICE CONTRACTS SUCH RESEARCH IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA. ANY RESEARCH IN THE AREA UNDER COASTAL STATE CONTROL COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A LONG LIST OF STRINGENT OBLIGATIONS.

4. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH THE COLOMBIAN DRAFT ARTICLES WERE INTRODUCED AS ARTICLES WHICH REPRESENT THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP OF 77, PARA 4-- DEALING WITH LAND-LOCKED AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES--WAS LEFT BLACK SINCE AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED BETWEEN THAT GROUP AND THE REST OF THE GROUP OF 77.
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